





# Community Health Representative Summit III: IHS CHAP Expansion

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## **Overview**

- Background
- IHS Aide Program Updates
- Next Steps
- Recommendations
- Discussion

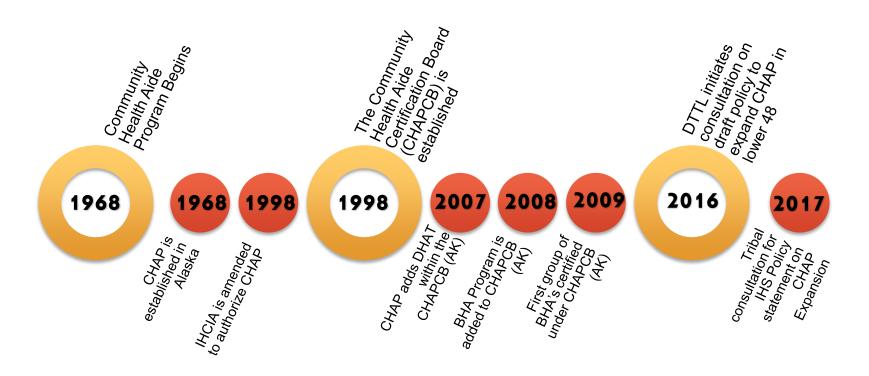


# **Background**

- Timeline
- Alaska CHAP vs. IHS CHAP
- Behavioral Health Aide (BHA)
- Community Health Representative (CHR)
- Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT)

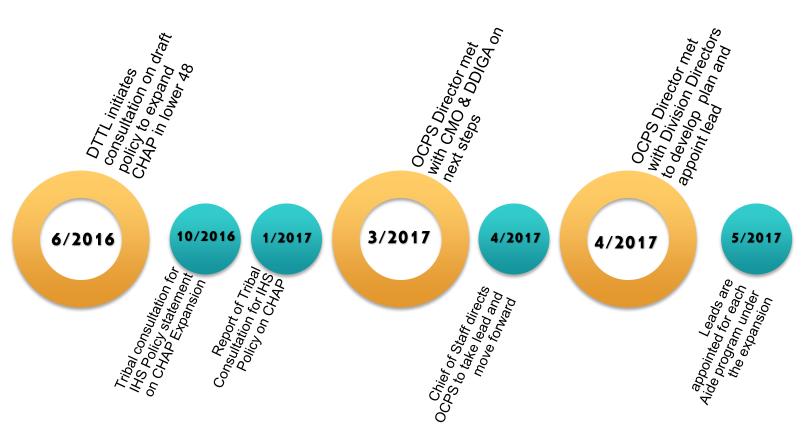


#### **National Timeline**



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#### **IHS Internal Timeline**





# **CHAP Expansion Framework**

**Phase I: Assessment** 

What does the system currently look like?

**Phase II: Design** 

What will the program look like?

**Phase III: Implementation** 

How do we roll it out?

**Phase IV: Evaluation** 

How well is the program performing?

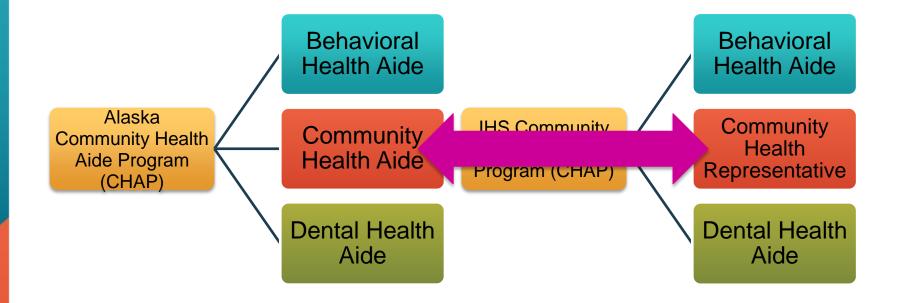


#### Alaska CHAP vs. IHS CHAP

Alaska CHAP

#### **IHS National CHAP**

(proposed)





#### **Behavioral Health Aide**

- Tiered-Practice Level
- Certification through Tribal Colleges & Universities (TCU's)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Reimbursement
- Explore Regional Certification



# **Community Health Representative**

## Background

- Established in 1968 by Congress
- Majority of paraprofessionals within the lower 48 are CHR'S
- Come from our local communities & immediate surrounding areas.
- Current workforce in Indian Country is 1,400 representing more than 250 tribes in 12 service areas.

#### Future Direction:

- Adapt existing CHR model to mirror the CHAP model (Alaska)
- Various tiers of paraprofessional services
- Goal to establish billable services



#### **Dental Health Aide**

- Tiered Model
  - DHA I
  - DHA II
  - DHA III
  - DHAT
- IHCIA & DHAT
- Certification
- Training Programs



# **Next Steps**

- Charter Development
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Workgroup Formation



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# **Discussion**